

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Currently Amended) A method of providing acoustic management in a computer comprising:  
receiving from a user instructions regarding a selected acoustic level via an interface; and  
adjusting an operational level of at least one subsystem of the computer to achieve the selected acoustic level including adjusting a seek time of a hard disk drive of the computer.
  2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:  
subsequent to the adjusting, demonstrating to the user the selected acoustic level.
  3. (Cancelled).
  4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the adjusting an operational level of at least one subsystem of the computer comprises adjusting the speed of an internal fan.
  5. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein the adjusting an operational level of at least one subsystem of the computer comprises making corresponding adjustments to overall operation of a portion of the computer to maintain a heat production level of the computer at a level that can be managed by the internal fan operating at the adjusted speed.
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6. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the adjusting an operational level of at least one subsystem of the computer is performed using redefined power management levels of the computer.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the adjusting an operational level of at least one subsystem of the computer comprises adjusting a speed of a peripheral bus, with corresponding adjustments to a speed of at least one peripheral device connected to the peripheral bus.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising, prior to the receiving, displaying a graphical user interface for enabling the user to select an acoustic level.

9. (Currently Amended) A system for providing acoustic management in a computer comprising:  
means for receiving from a user instructions regarding a selected acoustic level; and  
means for adjusting an operational level of at least one subsystem of the computer to achieve the selected acoustic level, said means for adjusting including adjusting a seek time of a hard disk drive of the computer.

10. (Original) The system of claim 9 further comprising:  
means for previewing to the user the selected acoustic level subsequent to the adjusting.

11. (Cancelled).

12. (Original) The system of claim 9 wherein the means for adjusting an operational level of at least one subsystem of the computer comprises means for adjusting the speed of an internal fan.

13. (Original) The system of claim 12 wherein the means for adjusting an operational level of at least one subsystem of the computer comprises means for making corresponding adjustments to overall operation of a portion of the computer to maintain a heat production level of the computer at a level that can be managed by the internal fan operating at the adjusted speed.

14. (Original) The system of claim 9 wherein the means for adjusting an operational level of at least one subsystem of the computer comprises a power management system of the computer.

15. (Original) The system of claim 9 wherein the means for adjusting an operational level of at least one subsystem of the computer comprises means for adjusting a speed of a peripheral bus, with corresponding adjustments to a speed of at least one peripheral device connected to the peripheral bus.

16. (Original) The system of claim 9 wherein the means for receiving comprises a graphical user interface for enabling the user to select an acoustic level.

17. (Currently Amended) A computer including an acoustic management system, the computer comprising:  
a processor for executing instructions;  
a subsystem having more than one operational levels;  
means for receiving from a user instructions regarding a selected acoustic level; and

CH means for adjusting an operational level of the subsystem to achieve the selected acoustic level, said means for adjusting including adjusting a seek time of a hard disk drive of the computer.

18. (Original) The computer of claim 17 further comprising:  
means for previewing to the user the selected acoustic level subsequent to the adjusting.

19. (Cancelled).

DI 20. (Previously Amended) The computer of claim 17 wherein the means for adjusting an operational level of the subsystem of the computer comprises means for adjusting the speed of an internal fan.

CE 21. (Previously Amended) The computer of claim 20 wherein the means for adjusting an operational level of the subsystem of the computer comprises means for making corresponding adjustments to overall operation of a portion of the computer to maintain a heat production level of the computer at a level that can be managed by the internal fan operating at the adjusted speed.

22. (Previously Amended) The computer of claim 17 wherein the means for adjusting an operational level of the subsystem of the computer comprises a power management system of the computer.

23. (Previously Amended) The computer of claim 17 wherein the means for adjusting an operational level of the subsystem of the computer comprises means for adjusting a speed of a peripheral bus, with corresponding adjustments to a speed of the at least one peripheral device connected to the peripheral bus.

24. (Original) The computer of claim 17 wherein the means for receiving comprises a graphical user interface for enabling the user to select an acoustic level.

25. (Currently Amended) A computer program product, comprising:  
a computer program processable by a computer system for causing the computer system to:  
receive from a user instructions regarding a selected acoustic level via an interface;  
adjust an operational level of a subsystem of the computer to achieve the selected acoustic level; and  
apparatus from which the computer program is accessible by the computer system, wherein the adjusting an operational level of the subsystem of the computer comprises an action selected from a group consisting of adjusting a seek time of a hard disk drive of the computer, adjusting the speed of an internal fan, using redefined power management levels of the computer, and adjusting a speed of a peripheral bus, with corresponding adjustments to a speed of a peripheral device connected to the peripheral bus.

26. (Original) The computer program product of claim 25 wherein the computer program is processable by a computer system for causing the computer system to demonstrate to the user the selected acoustic level subsequent to the adjusting.

27. (Original) The computer program product of claim 25 wherein the computer program is processable by a computer system for causing the computer system

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to display a graphical user interface for enabling the user to select an acoustic level.

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28. (Cancelled).

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29. (Previously Amended) The computer program product of claim 28 wherein the adjusting the speed of the internal fan further comprises making corresponding adjustments to overall operation of a portion of the computer to maintain a heat production level of the computer at a level that can be managed by the internal fan operating at the adjusted speed.

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30. (New) A method of providing acoustic management in a system for handling information comprising:  
providing a computing device including a processor and a storage;  
receiving from a user, instructions regarding a selected acoustic level via an interface; and  
adjusting an operational level of at least one subsystem of the computing device to achieve the selected acoustic level including adjusting a seek time of a media drive of the computing device.

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31. (New) An acoustic management system for use in a system for handling information comprising:  
means for storing, handling and computing information;  
means for receiving from a user, instructions regarding a selected acoustic level; and  
means for adjusting an operational level of at least one subsystem of the means for computing to achieve the selected acoustic level, said means for adjusting including a seek time of a media drive of the means for computing.